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MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc.)	Docket No. 02- CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE
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Petition for Emergency and Expedited)	
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Than Five Years Petitioner's 2001)	
Annual Report)	

PETITION FOR EMERGENCY AND EXPEDITED RELIEF

MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc.("MCIWC"), by and through one of its attorneys, hereby petitions the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") to grant to it the emergency relief requested herein. In support of this petition, MCIWC states as follows:

- 1. As a telecommunications carrier subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, MCIWC is required to file with the Commission an annual report. MCIWC is prepared to file the requisite annual report with the Commission once this petition for proprietary treatment is granted.
- 2. Due to the content and nature of the filings, MCIWC's annual report will necessarily contain commerce and financial information that is highly sensitive, proprietary, confidential and the type of information which would be of particular interest to MCIWC's competitors and potential competitiors.
- 3. Because the information that will be contained in MCIWC's annual report is so competitively sensitive, it is imperative that public disclosure of the proprietary information that will be contained in its annual report be maintained under seal for a period not less than five years following the issuance of an Order herein by this Commission, since disclosure of this information

any earlier would be likely to cause MCIWC serious competitive harm.

4. Section 7 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/7 (g) (1994) exempts from public disclosure "trade secrets and commercial or financial information . . .where such trade secrets or information are proprietary, privileged or confidential." The annual report that is the subject of this Peition falls within this exemption.

WHEREFORE, MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission issue an expedited Order protecting from disclosure in its entirety for a period of not less than five years MCIWC's 2001 annual report.

Respectfully submitted,

MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc.

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Dated: February 11, 2002

STATE OF ILLINOIS)	
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COUNTY OF COOK)	

VERIFICATION

Darrell Townsley, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is an attorney for MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc., that he has read the foregoing Petition for Emergency and Expedited Relief seeking proprietary treatment for its 2001 annual report and has knowledge of the contents thereof, and that the information therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Darrell Townsley

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 11th day of February, 2002

Rotary Public

My Commission Expires: august 9, 2003

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